

REPORT
OF
THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

COMMUNICATING

A statement showing the disbursements on account of the contingent expenses of the military establishment during the year 1856.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 2, 1857.

SIR: In conformity with the 5th section of the act of March 3, 1809, entitled "an act to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments," I have the honor to transmit herewith a statement of the expenditures during the year 1856, from the appropriation for the contingent expenses of the military establishment.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JEFF'N DAVIS,
Secretary of War.

Hon. J. D. BRIGHT,
President pro tem. of the Senate.

A statement of the expenditure of the appropriation of the contingent expenses of the military establishment for the year 1856, exhibited in pursuance of the 5th section of the act of March 3, 1809, entitled "An act to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments."

Date.	To whom paid.	For what purpose.	Amount.
1856.			
Jan. 14	A. B. Lansing, captain and A. Q. M.	Paid William J. Gray in 2d quarter 1848, at Jalapa, Mexico, for crape, &c., used as mourning for ex-President John Q. Adams.	\$20 37
Feb. 1	Captain M. D. L. Simpson, com. sub., late reg. Q. M.	Paid E. W. Dorr for 32 yards cotton for making target for artillery practice, (October 16, 1854.).....	3 20
7	John D. McPherson, agent ..	Paid Washington and New Orleans Telegraph Company, Oct. and Dec, for 1855, despatches, \$4 60: paid Magnetic Telegraph Company, October, 1855, and January, 1856, for despatches, \$10 56; paid New York and Washington Telegraph Company, November, 1855, and January, 1856, for despatches, \$12 38; paid Ocean Steamship Company, November, 1855, for freight, primage, and charges, \$25 95; paid National Telegraph Company, November and December, 1855, and January, 1856, \$21 76: paid Gales and Seaton, December, 1855, for advertising, \$118 50; paid House's Printing Telegraph Company, December, 1855, for despatches, \$1 95.	195 70
April 3	George W. T. Wood, bvt. major.	Paid John T. Allan, (in April, 1854,) attorney's fees, &c., for attending a suit at Austin, Texas, in which the United States was interested.	16 00
5	B. W. Brice, paymaster	Amount paid by Lieutenant Colonel D. D. Tompkins, deputy quartermaster general, to Thomas James, on July 22, 1854, at New Orleans, for opening a safe belonging to the paymaster's department, (and of which the key was accidentally lost,) upon order of said Brice.	6 00
23	John D. McPherson, agent ..	Paid S. A. Irwin, for copying 135 folios in February, 1856, \$16 20, paid M. A. Potter, for copying 137½ folios, \$16 50; paid E. C. Bache, for copying 172½ folios, \$20 70; paid Washington and New Orleans Telegraph Company, for two despatches to Daniel D. Tompkins in March, 1856, \$8 32; paid William B. Walworth, cashier New York and Washington Printing Telegraph Company, for despatches in March, 1856, \$1 62; paid S. A. Irwin, for copying proceedings of court martial of cadet, 25 folios, \$3; paid Washington and New Orleans Telegraph Company, for despatch in March, 1856, \$2 30; paid William B. Walworth, cashier House's Printing Telegraph Company, for despatches, \$5 79.	74 43
May 2	J. Stewart, lieut. A. A. Q. M.	Paid Rice, Hollingshead & Becker, for legal services in matters of application of privates Timothy Collins and Stephen McBride, of company E, 3d artillery, for discharge from service on habeas, before Judge Sherburn, at St. Paul, on August 12, 1854.	100 00
2	R. W. Kirkham, capt. and A. Q. M.	Paid Thomas P. Page, for trimmings complete for coffin of first Lieutenant T. F. Castor, 1st dragoons, Fort Tigon, California, September 22, 1855.	13 50

7	William Austin, A. A. Q. M., and bvt. maj. and capt. 3d artillery.	Paid John S. Frost, for repairing artillery target in 3d quarter, 1853.	9 50
June 10	A. Crozet, 1st serg't inf., and A. A. Q. M.	Paid George B. Hodge, for services as counsel in defending a suit brought against me as acting assistant quartermaster, viz: certain creditors of B. J. B. Weaver, suing to recover from me money due said Weaver from the United States.	100 00
12	A. P. Hill, lieut. A. A. Q. M..	Paid B. A. Putnam, for legal opinion and advice as to discharging cargo of San Jacinto schooner loaded with government stores, as to the right of the United States to remove the public buildings at Fort Capron, Florida.	10 00
12	J. Culbertson, lieut. A. A. Q. M.	Paid L. Y. B. Birchard, for 15 yards cotton	1 50
12	John Withers, lieut. and reg. Q. M.	Paid Charles Hutchins & Co., (Fort Vancouver,) for one iron safe.....	250 00
16	A. G. Miller, 1st inf. A. A. Q. M.	Paid John Purser, for 30 shackles with balls, and 30 pair wrist shackles.....	165 00
19	Thomas Swords, lieut. col. and Q. M.	Paid Harper & Brothers, for 250 Scott's Tactics and 2 boxes.....	626 50
July 1	A. Montgomery, A. Q. M.	Paid M. McCarty, constable, for suit of U. S. vs. H. Avis, October 27, 1854, \$6 20; paid H. C. Bel- lows, for ironing prisoners, 1st quarter, 1855, \$1.	7 20
1	F. E. Patterson, 1st art. A. Q. M.	Paid F. Hinton, for 6 pairs handcuffs, at Mission, San Diego, California, December 31, 1852.....	45 00
1	C. H. Tyler, 1st lieut. and A. A. Q. M.	Paid S. Archer, for services as interpreter to A company, 2d dragoons, by order from headquarters of department, from January 1, 1849, to February 16, 1849, at \$22 50 per month, on February 18, 1849, \$33 75; paid S. Archer, for services as guide for company A, 2d dragoons, as authorized by order from headquarters of department from January 1, 1849, to February 16, 1849, at \$22 50, at Camp Floretta, Texas, on February 18, 1849, \$33 75; paid R. O. Morgan, Camp Croghan, Texas, June 30, 1849, for services as guide for the troops at Camp Croghan, Texas, for 1 month, at \$23 50; paid R. P. Morgan, Camp Croghan, Texas, July 31, 1849, for services as guide to troops at this post, from July 10 to 31, 1849, 22 days, at \$40 per month, \$35 18; paid R. P. Morgan, Camp Croghan, Texas, September 30, 1849, for services as guide to the troops for 1½ month, at \$40 per month, \$60; paid John Shawnee, Camp Croghan, Texas, October 1, 1849, for services as guide and interpreter, from September 16 to 30, 1849, ½ month, at \$40 per month, \$20; paid John Shawnee, for services as guide to the troops at the post, from October 1 to 31, 1849, 1 month, \$40; paid John Shawnee, for services as guide from November 1 to 31, 1849, 1 month, \$40; paid John Shawnee, for services as guide from December 1 to 31, 1849, \$40; paid William Gibson, Fort Graham, Texas, September 7, 1853, for materials for a coffin for the interment of the body of Brevet Major R. A. Arnold 2d dragoons, \$5 17.	331 35

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Date.	To whom paid.	For what purpose.	Amount.
1856. July 2	S. Van Vliet, A. Q. M.	Paid E. M. Anderson, for services as sheriff of Com. county, Texas, in a suit brought against the United States in the court of Texas, for the purpose of procuring a title to the site of Fort Brown, Texas, \$27; paid F. Cumming, Fort Brown, Texas, for legal services in obtaining a title for a site of Fort Brown, Texas, in courts of Texas, \$100; paid C. H. Ford, July 5, 1855, for one iron chest, \$35.	\$212 00
2	J. H. Whittlesey, A. A. Q. M.	Paid Charles E. Kearney, for services in quartermaster's department, from November 5 to December 31, 1848, \$112; paid E. J. Vaughan, for services from March 1 to 31, 1849, \$180; paid Charles Beaubier, from July 1 to August 31, for services at Taos, New Mexico, \$120.	412 00
2	George H. Stewart, bvt. 2d lieut., A. A. Q. M.	Paid James Shaw, for services as guide and interpreter, December 31, 1849, \$120; paid James Shaw, for services as guide and interpreter, from January 1 to 31, 1850, \$40; paid same, from January 1 to 23, 1850, \$40; ditto from March 1 to 31, 1850, \$40.	240 00
22	Fred. Myers, 1st lieut. and reg. Q. M.	Paid E. R. Hord, for professional services, rendered in the matter of the reclamation of medicines and other property abstracted from the United States hospital at Ringgold barracks, and for the translation of documents in connexion therewith to and from Mexican authorities, September 24, 1855.	100 00
28	John D. McPherson, disb. clerk.	Paid J. B. Tree, for two despatches by Washington and New Orleans Telegraph Company, 2d quarter 1856, \$4 60; paid W. H. Ketty, for two despatches by Western Telegraph Company, 2d quarter 1856, \$24 35; paid William B. Walworth, cashier New York Printing Telegraph Company, for despatches, 2d quarter, 1856, \$6 03; paid John M. Towers, for despatches by Magnetic Telegraph Company, 2d quarter, 1856, \$7 19; paid National Telegraph Company, for despatches from S. Cooper to Lieutenant Colonel Philips and Lieutenant George Cooke, Fort Riley, \$5 20; paid Mrs. A. M. Henderson, 2d quarter, 1856, for 1,000 copies Hintz on Medical Examination, \$700; paid M. A. Potter, for copying Simons' and Henshaw's court martial, \$78 90; paid M. Hetzel, for copying Simons', Henshaw's, and Belger's court martial, \$54.	880 27
Mar. 10	J. C. Moore, lieut. 2d artillery, A. A. Q. M.	Paid Robert G. Beale, attorney at law, for services in the matter of the application of private Michael Conner, of company C, 1st regiment artillery, for discharge from the service of the United States upon habeas corpus, before the 6th judicial district court, at Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, \$100.	100 00
Aug. 29	H. Wilton, U. S. marshal....	Services rendered by order issued by the Hon. J. Davis, Secretary of War, dated June, 1854, to remove trespassers from the military reservation at Rock island, as follows, to wit: July, 1854, to serving notices on 173 persons to leave said reservation, at \$2 each, \$346; to mileage from my place of residence, at Springfield, Illinois, going and returning, \$44; August, 1854, to mileage as	484 00

		above, going at the expiration of 30 days to execute said order, \$44; October, 1854, to mileage going to remove trespassers at the expiration of 90 days, as aforesaid, from said reservation, \$44; October, to amount paid printer for publishing notices to leave said reservation, \$6.	
Nov. 7	Lieut. John R. Stevenson, 7th infantry, A. A. Q. M.	Paid Priestley & Bein, for 2 pairs leg irons, \$10; 1 dozen pairs handcuffs, \$18.....	28 00
7	Nathaniel Rice, agent for contingencies.	Paid E. C. Bache, August 26, 1856, for copying 50 pages proceedings in case of Major Blake, at 30 cents, \$15; paid for copying 90 pages proceedings in case of Major Blake, \$27; August 4, 1856, paid James Ackerman, for 1,020 sheets parchment, at 25 cents, \$255; transferring and printing 1,000 sheets army commissions, at 6 cents, \$60; box and freight for same, \$2; paid A. O. P. Nicholson, September 26, 1856, for cutting and pointing 10,000 blanks, company returns, at \$1, \$10; ruling 1,000 regimental returns, \$2 50; ruling muster and description rolls, at 25 cents, \$6 25; paid W. B. Walworth, cashier New York and Washington Telegraph Company, S. Cooper to P. F. Smith, Fort Leavenworth, 37 words, \$5 95; S. Cooper to Colonel L. Thomas, New York, 30 words, \$1 20.	384 90
7	Lieut. John Nugen, 4th artillery, A. Q. M.	Paid Philip Keach, for 13 yards velvet, at \$1 25, \$16 25; paid same, for 15 yards muslin, at 50 cents, \$7 50.	23 75
25	Maj. James Belger, A. Q. M..	Paid William Swift, for 2 maps.....	30 00
25	Maj. E. B. Babbitt, A. Q. M..	Paid Armstrong & Berry, for binding monthly returns of the 4th regiment United States artillery, from 1849 to 1854.	3 50
27	Capt. M. S. Miller, A. Q. M..	Paid Thomas Drury, orderly sergeant, for expenses incurred while conducting two insane soldiers of the United States army from St. Louis, Missouri, to the government asylum, near Washington, D. C., the items being as follows: hotel charge at St. Louis, Missouri, including a room to confine the soldiers in, one day, \$4 50; hack hire at St. Louis, from boat to cars, \$1 50; hack hire from depot in Washington to asylum, \$3; subsistence of myself and men in my charge from St. Louis to Washington, D. C., 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1 50 per day each, (it being impracticable to carry rations,) \$12.	21 00
28	Capt. E. R. Clary, A. Q. M..	Paid L. Hermandy, agent Democratic Advocate, for advertising sale of military reservation at Fort Jesup, Louisiana.....	20 00
Sept. 11	J. D. McPherson, disbursing agent.	Paid H. R. Wood, for freight on boxes, packages, &c., \$35 24; paid New York and Washington Printing Telegraph \$11 10; paid Western Telegraph \$2 78; paid New York and Washington Printing Telegraph, \$1 68; paid M. A. Potter, for copying 128 pages Haldeman's court martial, at 30 cents, \$38 40; paid E. C. Bache, for copying 127 pages Haldeman's court martial, at 30 cents, \$38 10; paid S. A. Irwin, for copying 167 pages of same, \$50 10; paid M. Hitzel, for copying 65 pages same, \$19 50.	196 90
Dec. 4	Capt. A. Montgomery, A. Q. M. U. S. A.	Paid Benjamin F. Davidson, for surveying military reserve at Fort Smith, Arkansas, establishing corners, recording, &c.	20 00
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